GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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LIFTS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item Captioned `official checks can`t ensure safe lifts` appearing in the Times of India dated June 3, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure that the lifts work properly without endangering the lives of passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The news item refers to accidents in lifts certified as fit. Public Works Department, Govt.of NCTof Delhi has reported that the lift accident at Tis Hazari occurred due to theft of `Break Coil` from the lift machine room ofthe lift thereby causing failure of braking system of the lift and a women sustained injuries. The matter of theft has already been reported to the Police authorities. However, no specific incident of any lift failure at Bhikaji Cama Placehas been reported to the Labour Department of Govt. of NCT of Delhi, which enforces provisions of Bombay Lift Act, 1939 (as extended to NCT of Delhi).

(c): The PWD and the Labour Department of Govtof Delhi have informed that periodical checks are carried out by inspecting staff. Necessary servicing/maintenance are done through lift manufacturers in order to ensure safe travel of passengers in lifts.